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School Bus Arrangements Announced for December Shows at Met Theatre



MORGANTOWN – The Metropolitan Theatre is expecting numerous schools for its shows during the month of December, and is announcing its school bus management during those drop-offs and pick-ups.

The West Virginia Public Theatre Holiday Show for Schools, which stretches from December 4 to December 21, draws students from as far away as Doddridge and Tucker Counties.

This year, the Morgantown Police and the Morgantown Parking Authority is working with BOPARC and the West Virginia Public Theatre to organize how students will be dropped off and picked up before and after these shows while disrupting as few deliveries and as little traffic as possible.

Plans are to have school buses gather in queue around the former United States Post Office Building on High Street, Foundry Street, and Chestnut Street, where parking meters will be bagged with No Parking signs, and wait for the time window for student drop-offs to occur. An officer will be on hand there to direct a few buses at a time up Spruce Street and down High Street, to where the buses will unload, in the right traffic lane in front of the Met Theatre. When they are approximately halfway unloaded, another 2 or 3 will be sent, so that the drop off occurs as fluidly as possible.

The MPA will not cone off the loading zone directly in front of the Met Theatre and allow delivery trucks to come and go as usual, except while buses are dropping off students. This will ensure that downtown businesses get their deliveries as expected.

The right traffic lane in front of the Met is the only place on High Street that school buses will be unloading children before shows. The unloading process should take 15 to 20 minutes, depending on the number of students attending each show. Buses will be directed to follow High Street to Foundry Street, then take Foundry to Chestnut, and once again park in the perimeter around the former Post Office Building during the show.

After the show has ended, an officer at the Theatre will radio the officer at the former Post Office. Four at a time, buses will be directed to continue up Chestnut Street to the Pick Up location, which includes the Chestnut Street block between Walnut and Fayette Streets. This pickup location is also bagged to prevent parking, and will be manned with an officer. Students will be led down High Street to Wall Street, where they can proceed down to Chestnut to safety load up the buses. When they are loaded, the officer at the loading zone will radio for another four buses. This will help keep the buses from disrupting traffic on High Street twice a show, and ensures that the students do not cross any streets to reach the buses to load.

Tuesday, December 04, 2012	10:00 AM	12:00 PM – Snow Date
Wednesday, December 05, 2012	9:30 AM	12:00 PM
Thursday, December 06, 2012	9:30 AM	12:00 PM
Friday, December 07, 2012	9:30 AM	12:00 PM
Monday, December 10, 2012	9:30 AM	12:00 PM
Tuesday, December 11, 2012	10:00 AM	12:00 PM - Snow Date
Wednesday, December 12, 2012	9:30 AM	12:00 PM
Thursday, December 13, 2012	10:00 AM	12:00 PM - Snow Date
Friday, December 14, 2012	10:00 AM	12:00 PM - Snow Date
Monday, December 17, 2012	10:00 AM	12:00 PM - Snow Date
Tuesday, December 18, 2012	10:00 AM	12:00 PM - Snow Date
Wednesday, December 19, 2012	10:00 AM	12:00 PM - Snow Date
Thursday, December 20, 2012	9:30 AM	12:00 PM
Friday, December 21, 2012	10:00 AM	12:00 PM - Snow Date

BOPARC and the Morgantown Parking Authority are working hard to make sure that the unloading and loading zones do not impact the commerce downtown during the Holiday hours. Business owners may need to be aware of the shows and their impact on traffic, but are not expected to reschedule deliveries.

For questions about this plan, please contact the West Virginia Public Theatre at 304-291-4117 or email info@wvpublictheatre.org.

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